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APPLICANT : JEFFREY O. WILLIS, ET AL. GROUP NO.: 2834

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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING  
A WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER

PRIOR ART STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed on applicants and their attorneys by 37 CFR 1.56, applicants, through their attorneys, would like to make of record the information listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 which may be material to the examination of the application.

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The above-identified application is a continuation application of application Serial No. 09/563,612 filed May 2, 2000, entitled "METHOD AND MEANS FOR MOUNTING A WIND TURBINE ON A TOWER". Copies of the prior art are available in the parent patent application.

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